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1. The constant purges, "reforms", and strict control over the country all go to show that Rumania is not merely being industrialized but is also being completely militarized by the Soviets. The omnipresent Soviet military installations are mute testimony to that effect.
2. Aviation installations are still being built, in spite of the large and numerous airfields which already dot the country in all directions. Airplane hangars are now being built on the military airfield of Baicoi (near Campina), and subterranean hangars near Jancea (region of the Danube, near the Bulgarian frontier). The old civil airport of Turnishor (near Sibiu) has been enlarged and transformed into a military airfield. An observation center has been placed on Mount Omul (region of Sinaia) for the use of Soviet aviation. Near it, there is a platform for landing helicopters. The center is equipped with radio sending apparatus. Though it was formerly a favorite spot for excursionists, the mountain is now forbidden territory. There is a school for pilots at Strajnic, near Targusker (region of Praheva).
3. Two Soviet divisions are in cantonments in the woods of the Valea Rasneavel (region of Brasov). The divisions are quartered in wooden barracks. Their camp is connected by special railway tracks with the nearest main lines. More and more, Soviet troops occupy the chief strategic points in Rumania. They have command posts at Galati, Iasi, Braila and Bucharest. It is now almost impossible to tell Soviet and Rumanian troops apart, from their external appearance.
4. The largest oil fuel depot that the Soviet Army has in Rumania is located at Braila. On the railway between Sibiu and Râmnicul-Vâlcea, about five hundred meters north of Dacsti, a subterranean storage for oil fuel is being built.

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5. Factories are also being taken under military control. At Valea Sadului, in the region of Sibiu, a big hydroelectric factory is now under construction. It is entirely under military control, as is the road serving it. The factories of the Industria Aeronautică Română are now being turned over, increasingly, for the construction of tanks and armored cars. The I. C. Frimiu factories, at Sinaia, have turned over large workshops for the production and repair of armaments, including artillery and tubes for various projectiles. The latter are afterward charged at Fabarash (Transylvania), where there are powder mills. More than a thousand men work in these factories.
6. Other civilian factories have been adapted, during the last year, for use in military manufacture. Among these are the I. Rangat factories, of Arad, near the Hungarian frontier, which make machine guns; the metallurgical factories of Cugir, near Alba-Iulia (Murash region); the Reshitza factories at Baia Mare, Transylvania, which make arms of the Soviet models. These arms are not, for the moment, being issued to the Rumanian Army, but are exported to the north.
7. On Padushiosul Mountain (Sinaia), surveys are being made for a new road, which will carry heavy artillery.
8. In general, it may be said that Soviet control of all phases of Rumanian life and production is by this time so strict that it practically makes the entire country one big factory for Soviet use.

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